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TUESDAY EVENING.

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TWO CENTS.

TO OPEN TONIGHT.

Kansas Teachers Are Ready for Their Meetings.

Interesting Programme for the First Session.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Place of Meeting Changed at Last Minute.

Many Well Known Educators to Be Heard From.

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NEW YEAR'S WEATHER.

"Cider" Smith Now Thinks Day Will Be Stormy.

"Cider" Smith announced last week that the weather on New Year's day would be fair, but now he has changed his mind and thinks it will be a very close run, much more so than for Christmas. Mr. Smith calls for blustering weather and New Year's day may be white.

DEFIED MILITIA.

Fight Ensued and Glover Was Wounded.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 28.—Considerable excitement was occasioned here by the action of Attorney John M. Glover, formerly a congressman from Missouri, in defying the militia, barricading himself in his office and surrendering only after receiving a bullet wound in the arm.

Colonel Verdeckberg, commanding the militia forces in the district, received a letter from Mr. Glover, denying the legality of the recent order for the surrender of arms by the citizens of the district.

In his letter Glover referred to Governor Peabody as "a cheap anarchist." He declared that he had two guns in his office and defied the militia to take them from him.

Colonel Verdeckberg at once dispatched Major Naylor with a squad to capture the attorney and his weapons. The lawyer's office was found barricaded and Glover appeared with a revolver, declaring that he would shoot the first man who attempted to enter down the door. The place was surrounded by troops and orders were given to shoot the man if he appeared with his arms again.

Later Glover appeared and several shots were exchanged, the attorney being wounded in the arm, after which he was captured.

Colonel Verdeckberg says he will have Glover examined as to his sanity.

FATAL PNEUMONIA.

New York Reports 272 Deaths in a Week.

New York, Dec. 29.—Owing to the unusual number of deaths in New York from pneumonia in the last six weeks a corps of physicians has been appointed by the department of health to make an investigation of the causes of the epidemic. The corps is headed by Dr. H. H. Knickerbocker, health commissioner.

In the past week 272 fatal pneumonia cases were reported. That is the largest number of deaths from the disease in the history of the city. The previous week 269 deaths occurred, and it was thought that conditions would improve.

When the disease first became prevalent, early in November, the deaths were largely confined to the localities inhabited by working people, but within the last two weeks there have been many deaths proportionately among the wealthier classes. Many physicians regard this as another evidence that pneumonia is an infectious disease. It is the general belief in the health department that the epidemic is due to the recent sudden changes in the weather.

OUT WITH MORMONISM.

Church Is Declared an Enemy of Organized Labor.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 29.—In reply to the utterances of Angus M. Cannon, a prominent official of the Mormon church, who in the course of an address in the tabernacle Sunday, stated that the Utah Fuel company wanted to hire several hundred men to take the place of striking miners in the coal mines of Carbon county and advised young Mormons who had previous experience in mining to accept these places, on Keltner, national organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, has issued an address to organized labor in Utah, in which he characterizes the Mormon church as an enemy to organized labor.

CABINET CALLED.

President Desired a Conference With His Advisers.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A meeting of the cabinet, the first held during the term of President Taft, was called for this afternoon to consider some departmental matters with the president's advisers. It is understood that the president desires to give to the cabinet a full account of the meeting of the state agricultural college, which he held several days ago that he wanted to see the cabinet.

CHALLENGES THE WINNER.

Charles Neary Would Fight Victor of Frisco Battle.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 29.—Charles Neary of this city challenges the winner of the Corbett fight, who is expected to fight today, to a boxing match. Neary is a former champion and is a well known fighter.

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JAPAN IS READY.

Finishing Touches Given to Preparations for War.

Government Has Been Given an Unlimited Credit.

ALL EMERGENCIES IS NO LOSS OF LIFE.

Are Believed to Have Been Thoroughly Provided For.

Russia Preparing to Send More Artillery Eastward.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—An emergency ordinance promulgated last night invests the government with practically unlimited credit for the purpose of military defense. Three other ordinances were issued relating first to the Seoul-Fu San railway, which is brought closer under official control; second, to the revision of the organization of the imperial military headquarters in war times. Third to the creation of a council in war times. These ordinances, it is considered, completely provide for all emergencies.

Moscow, Dec. 29.—Twelve batteries of the four grenadier brigades of field army, stationed in and around Moscow, have been selected for service in the far east and have received new guns which the Russian artillery claim are superior to the French field pieces. The early departure of three of these batteries is expected, which will place 108 field guns with the latest equipment at the disposal of Viceroy Alexieff. It is said here that all the volunteers living at their homes who, as graduates of high schools, are privileged to serve only a year with the colors, have been ordered into barracks.

No extensive movements of troops eastward have been reported here up to the present.

The government is considering making the sale of tea and sugar a state monopoly, as proposed by M. Witte while finance minister. There is much opposition to the proposal on the part of the tea and sugar trade, but the growing needs of the treasury and the condition of other resources as pointed out in M. Witte's last budget. It is believed in well informed circles to make the adoption of the proposition probable.

The present brandy monopoly yields about one-fourth of the revenues of the empire and the monopoly of tea and sugar is expected to be even more profitable, as the expenses of its operation will be small.

JAPAN WILL INSIST.

On Her Demands That the Integrity of China Be Preserved and That Korea Be Returned to Japanese Control.

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Japan will insist on her demands that the integrity of China be preserved and that Korea be returned to Japanese control. The Japanese government is determined to maintain its conservative attitude despite the popular clamor for war until hostilities are forced.

CHINA WILL HELP.

London, Dec. 29.—The Daily Mail correspondent sends an unconfirmed report that in the event of all the Chinese will join forces with Japan and that Japan will send an army corps to Peking.

Rumor continues busy with the latest Japanese crisis.

The latest report credits Japan with insisting that Russia shall reply to its last note before January 10 on the ground of rapid approach of Russian naval reinforcements to the scene of action. Inquiry in the best informed Japanese quarters, however, fails to find support for this statement.

TOO COLD TO MOVE.

Peking, Dec. 29.—Lien Fang, first secretary of the board of foreign affairs, visited Russia yesterday and requested information concerning the intention of the Russian government regarding the evacuation of Manchuria.

After Lessor in reply said that nothing could be done at present with a view to evacuate, for two reasons. In the first place, the minister pointed out that the Russian government is unable to remove the troops from their present positions, besides which there were no barracks accommodation to be had in the event of evacuation.

He said it would endanger Russian interests to undertake evacuation during the progress of negotiations between Russia and Japan. He said that Japan might seize the opportunity to invade Manchuria.

The Chinese government is so alarmed by the prospect of becoming involved in the seemingly prospective war that it would prefer that Russia should remain in control of Manchuria.

As an alternative the foreign office has indicated to the ministers that a settlement satisfactory to China would be that Russia and Japan should retain their respective treaty rights in Korea and Manchuria. If they agree not to attempt to obtain further advantage in either country. The Russian general, however, requested the Tartar general to disband his militiamen and to disarm them.

The Tartar general, in answer to the order in accordance with this request, but it is understood the men are concealing their arms, supposedly with the Tartar general's consent.

FLYER FOR JAPAN.

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—Within the past eight business days Minneapolis mills have booked almost 100,000 barrels of flour for export to Japan. There was further inquiry reported today, and it is not unlikely more business will result.

For some time Japan has been a heavy buyer of American flour. The millers are reticent about discussing the Japanese business, but admit that the orders are still coming. One large company alone is known to have booked close to 50,000 barrels within a day or two. The Japanese government has bought no flour direct.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer in west portion tonight; variable winds, shifting to southerly.

NO OPEN SWITCH.

Rock Island Passenger Train Wrecked at Lawrence.

Four Coaches Are Thrown from the Track.

IS NO LOSS OF LIFE.

Passengers Severely Shaken Up But None Badly Hurt.

Equipment Is Badly Smashed and Loss Large.

Rock Island westbound passenger train No. 13, due in Topeka at 12:10 this morning, ran into an open switch at Lawrence and was wrecked.

Two bad wrecks in one day is quite a record for a town the size of Lawrence. Early Monday morning a wreck occurred on the Santa Fe railroad at that point and the wrecking crew from that place had hardly completed the work of clearing up the main line on that road when a Rock Island passenger train was wrecked just across the river. The latter wreck occurred at about 11 o'clock Monday night. Westbound Rock Island passenger train No. 13 ran into an open switch in the yards at Lawrence with serious results. Although no one was killed outright, many were injured slightly and all the passengers were severely shaken up. The damage to the equipment was also large.

Four coaches and two sleepers on No. 13 left the track and were piled up at some distance from the main line. The engine and baggage car remained on the track.

Among the many passengers who occupied the coaches of the ill fated train at the time of last night's wreck was W. W. Shook, a citizen of Jennings, Kan. Although he was not hurt, Shook was an occupant of one of the worst wrecked cars. The following is his account of the disaster:

"The train in question was No. 13, the Rock Island passenger due to leave Kansas City at 9:40 p. m. We started from that point about on time and judging from the time in which we reached Lawrence, I should say that we were running at a pretty lively rate. All of the coaches, one of which I occupied, were well filled. I could not see the driver or the engineer. Along about 11 o'clock when we were nearing Lawrence I got to talking with several men with whom I had become acquainted on the train.

"Now that it's all over I can remember almost everything that we talked about. Among the many subjects that came up for discussion was the recent wreck of the General Dick and the fact that I don't suppose that one of us thought that in a very few moments we were to experience the sensation ourselves. As we pulled into the yard, the engine and the baggage car were running at a lively rate. The car in which I was riding at the time started off to the side and after reaching the main line, it was derailed down at a distance of about 50 feet from the main line. During her flight the car ran only on the wheels and there were no sides or connections. Those people who were riding on the other side were thrown on top of me."

The other five cars that left the rails acted in about the same manner that our car did. Both the main line track and the side tracks nearby were torn up. The trucks of the cars were splintered to small bits and when they finally did stop the wheels were buried in the ground to the depth of several feet. The wreckage was something frightful and the loss of equipment will probably cost the company a great deal of money.

For some time the cause of the wreck was a question among the passengers of the train. It was stated that an open switch was what caused the wreck, but it is the opinion that the wreck was running his train at a rate that exceeded the limit required in railroad yards. He said that he was only running at a rate of twenty miles an hour, but the conductor said that he was running thirty miles an hour and I think that the conductor was right.

Immediately after the wreck the conductor began to take the names of the passengers and ascertain the extent of the injuries. But when the train was seriously hurt, although many had received scratches and bruises and one man whose name I did not hear, had a sprained wrist. Many women were crying and frightened. After they had been assured that they were all right that they regained their former composure.

After a wait of five hours this train finally came and a short time later we alighted at the local depot not much the worse for the wear and tear of our experience. Some of the passengers said that they had been in worse wrecks, but I am sure that I never want to come any nearer to death than I did last night.

ROLLER WOULD BID.

Wants Chance at Bridges.

A. C. Roller of Leocompton, representative of the Brookville Bridge works, at Brookville, Ohio, has notified the county commissioners that his firm intends to bid on the Kansas river bridges in Shawnee county.

The commissioners are hoping to secure some honest competition to the end that some really close competitive bidding will be done and that Shawnee county will be able to have the bridges built at a low figure. So far no bidder has entered any of the competitions who did not seem to belong to the trust as the bids have all been uniformly high.

One More Wreck Victim Dies.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—G. Mottman, of Grand Rapids, died today from injuries sustained in the Pere Marquette wreck on Saturday night. Mottman is the twenty-first victim.

HANNA IN RACE.

Ohio Senator Has Consented to Oppose Roosevelt.

Announcement Sent Out from Cleveland by His Friends.

HE WILL SPEAK SOON.

A Personal Declaration Is Looked for Shortly.

Buckeye State Will Cast Her Solid Vote for Him.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—The following dispatch has been sent out from Cleveland:

"Senator Marcus A. Hanna will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for president in 1904, and he will formally declare himself as soon as the state central committee selects the date and place of holding the state convention."

MARCUS A. HANNA.

This same declaration was made here by a member of the party in Ohio, who holds an important position in the party organization of the state. He also expressed great surprise that the newspaper correspondents had been informed regarding the conference held at Akron, O., Wednesday night, December 23. He frankly confessed that Senator Hanna's plans were laid before those present, and that there was great rejoicing when it was given out that Senator Hanna had finally consented to become a candidate for president.

He refused to divulge the name of all in attendance at the conference, but admitted that General Dick and Mr. C. B. Clingerman of Springfield, O., chairman of the Republican state committee, were present. General Dick had just returned from Washington, where he had received his instructions from Senator Hanna. These were presented to the others, and they agreed to carry them out to the letter. He was positive that Senator Hanna would experience little trouble in getting the convention to endorse his candidacy and instructing the delegates from Ohio to cast a solid vote for him in the national convention.

The informant predicted that Senator Hanna's formal announcement of his candidacy would be given to the public within a short time, and that the senator would say he was forced to yield to the wishes of his friends and declare himself to be a candidate for the presidential nomination against President Roosevelt. He will also make reference to the fact that he was forced to do it against his own better judgment, and solely for his love for the party and his great desire to see the Republicans victorious again in 1904.

CITY AID TO SOLID.

Cleveland, Dec. 29.—Cuyahoga, the home county of Senator Hanna, will send ninety delegates to the state convention, and the Twenty-first congressional district, consisting of the larger part of Cleveland, two delegates to the national Republican convention. Both the state and the district are held by Hanna, and both will be dominated by those who favor Hanna for president.

A LATE CONVENTION.

Springfield, O., Dec. 29.—An announcement made by Chairman J. B. Clingerman of the Republican state committee that the state convention would be held at the latest possible moment, has caused a profound sensation in political circles of this state. It is now regarded as an assured fact that the state convention will be held at the latest possible moment, and that the friends of Senator Hanna say that the late convention will be a great advantage to them, as it will give them a hearing before the "Square Boys of Beverly," who imposed a fine of \$50 and costs, in default of which the bell-ringers will be committed to the county jail.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The comptroller of the treasury has rendered an adverse decision on the claim of M. H. Miller, chief clerk, medical supply department, San Francisco, for his salary during the investigation of charges against him for collusion with firms in that city, altering figures in proposed bids, during the investigation, which is still in progress. The comptroller holds that as an employee of the government he is not entitled to compensation during suspension.

Still No Jury.

Georgetown, Colo., Dec. 29.—At noon today, although a dozen veniremen had been examined, no additional juryman had been accepted for the trial of the men charged with having blown up the transformer building of the Sun and Moon mine at Idaho Springs last July. J. E. Chandler, secretary of the Idaho Springs Miners' union, who was brought back from Los Angeles where he was arrested, was arraigned today. Up to noon he had failed to secure bondsmen.

Bryan to Sail on the Celtic.

London, Dec. 29.—William J. Bryan has returned to London from The Hague. He will sail for New York December 31 on the White Star line steamer Celtic from Liverpool.

Loss \$100,000.

Wheaton, Minn., Dec. 29.—A large part of this town was destroyed by fire today. Loss \$100,000.

SLIGHTLY COLDER TODAY.

The Promise Is That It Will Be Warmer by Tomorrow.

The government forecast for Kansas sent out today is for warmer weather at least in the west portion. The forecast is: "Fair tonight and Wednesday. Wind west portion tonight." The wind at noon was north-west blowing 12 miles an hour. The hourly temperatures recorded by the government thermometer today were as follows:

7 o'clock.....26 11 o'clock.....34
8 o'clock.....25 12 o'clock.....35
9 o'clock.....25 1 o'clock.....35
10 o'clock.....31 2 o'clock.....40

FALSE REPORT.

Jews Appear